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RELATIONS FROM EXECUTION OF CONVICTED TERRORISTS

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SUMMARY: THE LOCAL MEDIA HAVE REPORTED REACTION IN EUROPEAN CITIES TO EXECUTION OF FIVE CONVICTED TERRORISTS, PARTICULARLY DAMAGE TO SPANISH PROPERTY AND THREATS TO SPANISH CITIZENS. FOLLOWING MIDNIGHT ASSAULT AND BURNING OF FURNITURE IN SPANISH EMBASSY AND AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE IN LISBON GOS HAS RECALLED AMBASSADOR AND STAFF, LEAVING CHARGE. DESPITE THE REPORTED PROFUSE APOLOGIES OF THE PORTUGUESE GOVT, THE SPANISH CONSULATE IN OPORTO WAS REPORTEDLY SACKED TODAY. GOS HAS ALSO RECALLED FOR CONSULTATIONS ITS AMBASSADORS TO VATICAN, NORWAY, HOLLAND AND GDR. GOS DECISION NOT TO HEED POPE'S REPEATED PLEAS FOR CLEMENCY HAS ADDED NEW IRRITANT TO ALREADY TROUBLED WATERS IN CHURCH/STATE RELATIONS AS SOME SERMONS REFLECTED ON SUNDAY. SIMILARLY, BY IGNORING APPEAL BY EC NINE AND OTHER EUROPEAN ORGANIZATIONS GOS HAS WIDENED DISTANCE BETWEEN SPAIN AND ACCESSION TO EC, NATO AND EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. FRG, GDR, UK, HOLLAND, DENMARK, NORWAY HAVE RECALLED THEIR AMBASSADORS FOR CONSULTATIONS AND ITALIAN AND BELGIAN AMBASSADORS ARE UNDERSTOOD TO BE LEAVING FOR CONSULTATIONS TOMORROW. SWEDISH AMBASSADOR, WHO WAS OUTSIDE SPAIN, HAS POSTPONED HIS RETURN; FRENCH AMBASSADOR IS STILL ON ANNUAL LEAVE IN FRANCE. THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IS NOT HERE AND WILL PRESUMABLY NOT HURRY BACK. SOME LOCAL COMMENTATORS ARE ALREADY HINTING THAT THE REGIME'S VIEW IS THAT AS LONG AS WE HAVE THE U.S. BEHIND US, WE NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT THE REST. END SUMMARY.

1. SPANISH NEWSPAPERS HAVE GIVEN FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT TO PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS AND OTHER ANTI-SPANISH ACTIONS HELD THROUGHOUT EUROPE. THE GOVT -RUN TV ALSO INCLUDED SCENES OF DISORDERS SEPT 27 IN PARIS REPORTEDLY RESULTING IN DESTRUCTION OF 128 STORE WINDOWS ON CHAMPS ELYSEES AND INJURY TO 22 POLICEMEN. MEDIA IDENTIFIED MOST FOREIGN REACTION AS ANTI-FRANCO, BUT HIGHLIGHTED STATEMENTS SUCH AS COMMENTS REPORTEDLY MADE BY SHADOW CONSERVATIVE FONMIN REGINALD MAUDLING, WHO CALLED ENTIRE PROTEST WAVE A "FARCE", PARTICULARLY INASMUCH AS A "MAJORITY OF THE BRITISH SUPPORTED THE DEATH PENALTY FOR ANYONE WHO MURDERS A POLICEMAN".

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2. SPECIAL FLIGHT SEPT 27 BROUGHT BACK SPANISH AMBASSADOR AND HIS STAFF FROM LISBON -- ONE OFFICER WAS LEFT AS CHARGE -- FOLLOWING "HARD NIGHT" DURING WHICH DEMONSTRATORS REMOVED FURNITURE FROM EMBASSY AND RESIDENCE AND HELD PUBLIC BONFIRE WHICH WAS CARRIED LIVE ON PORTUGUESE TV. RETURNING AMBASSADOR TOLD NEWSMEN THAT POLICE APPARENTLY HAD ORDERS NOT TO INTERVENE BECAUSE IT

WAS THE ARMY'S JOB TO PROTECT THE EMBASSY. THE ARMY NEVER SHOWED UP. HE IDENTIFIED CORE OF DEMONSTRATORS AS MEMBERS OF POPULAR DEMOCRATIC UNION (MAOIST). DESPITE GOP'S PROFUSE APOLOGIES, SPANISH CONSULATE IN OPORTO WAS REPORTEDLY SACKED TODAY. ALL THIS FOLLOWS GOS PROTEST OF PORTUGUESE TV INTERVIEW WITH FRAP TERRORISTS. THUS SPANISH/PORTUGUESE RELATIONS HAVE DETERIORATED RAPIDLY TO THE PRESUMED GLEE OF MDLP (ALPOIM-CALVAO) ELEMENTS IN SPAIN WHO WOULD LIKE SPANISH SUPPORT.

3. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY, GOS HAS RECALLED ITS AMBASSADORS TO THE VATICAN, HOLLAND, NORWAY, AND THE GDR FOR CONSULTATIONS. POPE PAUL VI IS REPORTED AS HAVING TOLD VISITORS SEPT 27 THAT HE APPEALED THREE TIMES TO GOS FOR CLEMENCY. A SPANISH DELEGATION HEADED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE, WHICH WAS SCHEDULED TO WITNESS THE CANONIZATION OF A SAINT AT THE VATICAN SEPT 28, WAS PREVENTED FROM TRAVELING "FOR TECHNICAL REASONS". A WELL-INFORMED NEWSMAN FOR "LA VANGUARDIA" REPORTED THAT PAPAL NUNCIO SAW ACTING FONMIN ROVIRA AT 0400 SEPT 27 TO TRANSMIT POPE'S LAST-MINUTE APPEAL. THIS LATEST CONTRETEMPS IN GOS RELATIONS WITH THE VATICAN WILL DEEPEN THE GAP ALREADY EXACERBATED BY THE GOS' HANDLING OF PRIESTS, PARTICULARLY IN THE BASQUE PROVINCES. SERMONS IN SOME CHURCHES REFLECT PASTORAL ANGUISH AT THE EXECUTIONS.

4. MEANWHILE, THE FRG, GDR, DENMARK, HOLLAND, NORWAY, AND UK HAVE RECALLED THEIR AMBASSADORS FOR CONSULTATION. THE EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT THE ITALIAN AND BELGIAN AMBASSADORS ARE SCHEDULED TO LEAVE MADRID AND THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR IS STILL ON ANNUAL LEAVE. THE FRG AMBASSADOR RETURNED TO BONN AFTER DELIVERING ELEVENTH -HOUR APPEAL FOR CLEMENCY IN NAME OF PRESIDENT SCHEEL AND FONMIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENSCHER TO ACTING FONMIN ROVIRA EARLY SEPT 27. THE CANADIAN AMBASSADOR IS OUT OF TOWN AND PRESUMABLY IN NO HURRY TO RETURN, ALTHOUGH CANADA DID NOT REPEAT NOT APPEAL FOR CLEMENCY. DISCUSSION IS APPARANTLY GOING ON AMONG THE EUROPEANS AS TO WHETHER TO ATTEND THE OCTOBER 1 FESTIVITIES THAT HONOR THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE FRANCO REGIME SO MANY YEARS AGO.

5. PREDICTABLE NEGATIVE FOREIGN REACTION HAS PERHAPS EXCEEDED EVEN THE GLOOMIEST EXPECTATIONS HERE. BY IGNORING APPEALS FROM VATICAN, FROM EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT IN STRASBOURG, FROM EC IN BRUSSELS, AND FROM INDIVIDUAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AND LEADERS GOS HAS IMMEASURABLY HARMED ARIAS' CAMPAIGN FOR GREATER ACCEPTANCE BY THE EUROPEANS OF WHAT THE GOS HAD PORTRAYED - NOT WITHOUT

REASON - AS A CHANGING SPAIN THAT DESERVED GREATER
ACCESS IN EUROPEAN COUNCILS.
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